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For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING RELATIONAL AND  
HIERARCHICAL SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES FOR UNITS OF  
INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE  
INTERFACE SYSTEM**

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In response to the Official Action dated **February 5, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.